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1. MISSION SHOULD TRANSMIT TO ICRC USG CONTRIBUTION OF

DOLLARS 200,000 IN SUPPORT OF ICRC'S HUMANITARIAN RELIEF AND DISASTER ASSISTANCE OPERATIONS IN BEHALF OF WAR VICTIMS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THIS CONTRIBUTION IS MADE IN RESPONSE TO ICRC'S REQUESTS TO USG AND OTHER DONORS AS REPORTED REFS A AND B.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH ICRC WHICH SHOULD BE SIGNED BY CHIEF OF MISSION AND ALSO SIGNED BY APPROPRIATE ICRC OFFICIAL BEFORE CHECK IS TRANSMITTED. BEGIN TEXT. I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS MAKING A SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS IN THE AMOUNT OF DOLLARS 200,000 IN SUPPORT OF THE ICRC'S HUMANITARIAN RELIEF AND DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES

IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THIS CONTRI-
BUTION IS MADE WITH PARTICULAR REGARD TO THE EXPENSES WHICH ICRC HAS INCURRED AND WHICH ARE PROJECTED IN CARRYING

OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE CARE AND RELIEF OF PRISONERS OF WAR AND OTHER WAR VICTIMS IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT THIS CONTRIBUTION WILL STIMULATE INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND FROM RED CROSS SOCIETIES IN SUPPORT OF ICRC'S HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. WE WOULD HOPE THAT AT ICRC'S EARLIEST CONVENIENCE A COPY OF ITS FINAL AFTER-ACTION AND FINANCIAL REPORT ON ITS HUMANITARIAN RELIEF AND DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES INVOLVING THE PRISONERS OF WAR AND OTHER WAR VICTIMS IN THE MIDDLE EAST WOULD BE FURNISHED TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. END TEXT.

3. IN ADDITION TO THIS CONTRIBUTION, USG ANTICIPATES MAKING AVAILABLE TO ICRC AND OTHER RELIEF AGENCIES UP TO DOLS. 500,000 EQUIVALENT OF EGYPTIAN POUNDS FOR EXPENDITURE FOR SAME PURPOSES AND PROGRAM. PLEASE NOTE PL480 PROHIBITS THE USE OF THIS U.S.-OWNED EXCESS CURRENCY FOR PURCHASE OF FOOD COMMODITIES. THESE FUNDS ARE PROPERTY OF AND UNDER CONTROL OF USG. ADDITIONAL APPROVALS MUST BE OBTAINED WITHIN USG BEFORE THIS CURRENCY CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE. IN MEANWHILE, YOU SHOULD SUGGEST TO ICRC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEY DEFER CASH DISBURSEMENTS IN EGYPTIAN CURRENCY IF POSSIBLE PENDING ACCESS TO THESE FUNDS. WE CONTEMPLATE THAT USG WOULD INFORM EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS IN CAIRO OF U.S. ACTION IN MAKING THESE US-OWNED FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR RELIEF PURPOSES. MEANWHILE, THIS ASPECT OF OUR CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE HELD IN CONFIDENCE.

4. FOLLOWING IS FISCAL DATA ON BASIS OF WHICH CHECK FOR DOLS. 200,000 SHOULD BE DRAWN AND TRANSMITTED TO ICRC:

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